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1. In order to further identify itself with the masses, the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC) has requested the Legislative Committee of the National Congress to introduce a bill in Congress, which would allow persons sentenced by courts-martial for their activities during the 9 April revolt to appeal their case to the Supreme Court. The Communists also asked that all persons awaiting trial be granted amnesty.
2. The Conservative minority of Congress is opposed to granting amnesty, but it does agree that sentences handed down by the military courts should be subject to review by the Supreme Court.
3. The Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC) has closely followed the policy of the PCC in attempting to better the circumstances of persons sentenced for their activities of 9 April. On 3 August 1948, during its Sixth General Assembly ([REDACTED]), the CTC issued a statement condemning the persecution and mass arrest of "organized laborers for political reasons". The statement censured the procedures of the Military Courts. The following national committee was appointed to defend the rights of the prisoners and to care for the welfare of their families:

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For the Senate: Parmenio Cardenas
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For the House: Juan B. Barrios
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For El Espectador

Eduardo Zalamea Borda

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 Military courts were in session early in August both at Bucaramanga and Bogota, and were expected to hand down additional sentences within a few days.

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